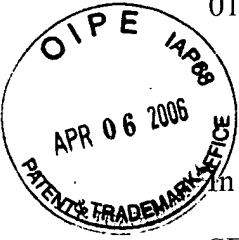


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 26, 2006 (Paper No.
011106), please amend the application as follows: